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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 2002-196916 is also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Publication No. 2002-0054321
- (2) U.S. Publication No. 2002-0030851
- (3) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0046314
- (4) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0053082
- (5) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0053105
- (6) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0053106
- (7) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0225821
- (8) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0227648
- (9) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0225821
- (10) U.S. Publication No. 2004-0156069
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,685,292
- (12) Japan 2002-196916

Documents (1) through (11) have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Japan 2002-196916 was cited in the specification at page 1 and is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted in the specification. An English-language abstract of Japan 2002-196916 is enclosed.

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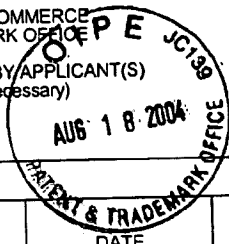
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